Wagon shortages for salt producers in A.P.

605. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether wagon shortages lead to hardship for salt producers in Srikakulam in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to send wagons to the district to help the salt producers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) No, Sir. However, no demand has been offered in rake loads. Also it is not possible to accept demand in piecemeal due to operational constraints.

(b) Does not arise.

Appointment on Compassionate Grounds

606. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a case of appointment on compassionate grounds of a candidate whose father died in harness while working as employees in Northern Railway SPA/AZM, Tanakpur on 11th April, 1976, is pending since long;

(b) whether a number of letters were weritten to the Minister by M.Ps. but no reply was sent; and

(c) whether any action is being taken to settle the case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) One late Shri Gulam Sabir expired on 11.4.1976 while serving as Senior Pump Attendant, Tanakpur, North Eastern Railway (Not Northern Railway, as referred to in the Question). No case of compassionate appointment of the son of deceased is pending.

(b) and (c) A reference from an Hon'ble member of Parliament to Minister of Railways was received and the facts had been called for from the concerned Railway Administration. It has, now, transpired that the request for the appointment on compassionate grounds to Shri Naushad Anwar, son of the deceased employee could not be acceded to because the same was not covered under the extant rules on compassionate appointment due to the re-marriage of the widow of the late employee. The decision was duly advised by the Railway Administration to Shri Anwar.

Report on Khanna Rail Disaster

607. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:
SHRI JANARDAN YADAV:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the outcome of the enquiry into Khanna Rail Disaster as per Report of the Commission of Railway Safety declared recently; and

(b) the remedial action taken/ proposed in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) On 26.11.1998, 2903 Golden Temple Mail derailed followed by side collision with 3152 Dn. Jammu Tawi-Sealdah Express between Khanna and Chawpail Stations of Ambala Division on Northern